



## USDA Forest Service Helena National Forest

Supervisors Office and Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts  
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### *Range and Weed:* 1-5 Positions

Location	Position	Pay Grade	Announcement #
Helena SO	Forestry Technician	GS-4	TEMPOCR-0404-4-PLANTS-DT
Helena SO	Forestry Technician	GS-5	TEMPOCR-0404-5-PLANTS-DT
Helena SO	Forestry Technician	GS-6	TEMPOCR-0404-6-PLANTS-DT
Helena SO	Range Technician	GS-3	TEMPOCR-0455-3-RANGE-DT
Helena SO	Range Technician	GS-4	TEMPOCR-0455-4-RANGE-DT
Helena SO	Range Technician	GS-5	TEMPOCR-0455-5-RANGE-DT

**Duty Station:** Helena SO

**Contact Information:** Mandy Alvino, 406-495-3933 or Tracy Schilling, 406-495-3870

**Applications due by:** March 17, 2013

**Housing Availability:** No housing available

**Minimal qualifications:** valid state driver license. Pesticide applicator license (MT) preferred but not required

**Brief description of the type of work:** primary duties, in descending order of importance

- Inspect the success of the treatment of noxious weeds done by others
- Treat and inventory noxious weeds across the entire forest
- Configure, use and troubleshoot portable data recorders
- Monitor livestock use within grazing allotments

**Skills required:**

- Noxious weed plant identification and treatment methods
- Ability to operate hand tools and simple mechanized equipment
- Ability to operate GPS systems and portable data recorders
- Good host communication skills

**Additional Information:**

- Approximate timeframe of position: May 6 through September 20. Our intent is to hire 1-2 positions to work approximately early May through September and 1-2 positions to work approximately early June through August.
- Government trucks and off highway vehicles will be utilized in performing this work, so the applicant will have to complete government provided training. Experience with towing and operating a manual transmission favorable.
- From approximately mid-June through mid-August, the position will have a work schedule of 0600-1630 (with a half hour lunch) Monday through Thursday.
- One or more positions may spend 1-4 days per week for up to two weeks a month working from the Lincoln Ranger District office in Lincoln, MT. Lodging would be provided for those type of temporary assignments

## *Fire:* 5-10 Positions

Location	Position	Pay Grade	Announcement #
Helena SO/TRD	Forestry Technician	GS-03	TEMPOCR-0462-03-FIRE-DT
Helena SO/TRD	Forestry Technician	GS-04	TEMPOCR-462-4-HANDCREW-DT
Helena SO/TRD	Forestry Technician	GS-04	TEMPOCR-0462-4-ENGINE-DT
Helena SO/TRD	Forestry Technician	GS-05	TEMPOCR-0462-05-ENGINE-DT
Helena SO/TRD	Forestry Technician	GS-05	TEMPOCR-0462-05-HANDCREW-DT

**Duty Station:** Helena SO, HRD, or TRD

**Contact Information:** Helena – Rob Martinez, 406-495-3936, Craig Kockler 406-495-3929, Kenny Spint 406-495-3945. Townsend – Brett Witte 406-495-3880, Bob Culbreth 406-495-3868

**Applications due by:** February 08, 2013

**Housing Availability:** The Helena Ranger District does not have government housing, however numerous rentals are available. Bunkhouse (for temporary employees) are available in Townsend, currently the rate is \$4.25 per day.

**Description:** The Heltown Fire Zone of the Helena National Forest is looking for committed, hardworking, highly skilled individuals to manage wildfires and work in fuels management. The fire management program is very rewarding, physically demanding and requires talented and skilled people working safely as part of a team in a variety of specialized position; including engine crews, hand crews, and fire prevention.

## *Watershed:* Hydrologic Technicians Up to 6 positions

Location	Position	Pay Grade	Announcement #
Helena	Hydrologic Technicians	GS-4/5	

**Duty Station:** Helena or Great Falls

**Contact Information:** Helena, Tim Olson 406-495-3738 (email is best) [taolson@fs.fed.us](mailto:taolson@fs.fed.us). Great Falls, Wayne Green, 406-791-7740 or email [wgreen@fs.fed.us](mailto:wgreen@fs.fed.us)

**Applications due by:** March 15, 2013 (work will start as early as the latter half of May and last into early September)

**Housing Availability:** No housing available

**The Job:** Field crews will conduct a variety of watershed assessment surveys throughout the forest, under supervision of the Forest Hydrologist. Work will include stream water quality monitoring, riparian area condition surveys, restoration needs inventories, sediment source surveys, and timber and prescribed-fire BMP monitoring. This is an outdoors job, and will involve hiking in mountainous terrain, wading in streams, and occasional overnight stays at rustic Forest Service cabins or tents while working in remote field locations.

**Pay:** Target grades for the position are GS-4/5. Wages will range between \$12 and \$14 per hour, depending on qualifications. Crewmembers will receive a field stipend (per-diem) when work requires overnight stays in remote field locations, in addition to regular wages.

**Requirements:** Minimum background: at least one stream/riparian-focused university-level course and a familiarity with stream environments. Preferred background: field experience in stream and riparian measurement techniques and advanced coursework in stream-related topics.

## *Watershed:* Soil, Plant or Natural Resource Technicians – Up to 5 positions

Location	Position	Series	Pay Grade	Announcement #
Helena	Biological Science Aid	GS-0404-03	GS-03	TEMPOCR-0404-03-GEN-DT
Helena	Biological Technician Plants	GS-0404-05	GS-05	TEMPOCR-0404-5-PLANTS-DT
Helena	Biological Technician Plants	GS-0404-04	GS-04	TEMPOCR-0404-4-PLANTS-DT
Helena	Biological Science Technician (Soils)	GS-0404-05	GS-05	
Helena	Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources)	GS-0404-04	GS-04	
Helena	Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources)	GS-0404-05	GS-05	

**Duty Station:** Helena

**Contact Information:** Soils Field Crew Supervisor, Autumn Coleman, Soil Scientist, 406-495-3729, email is best [acolemean02@fs.fed.us](mailto:acolemean02@fs.fed.us)

**Applications due by:** February 28, 2013 (work will start as early as the latter half of May and last into early September.

**Housing Availability:** No housing available

**The Job:** Soil field crew members will conduct soil and invasive species monitoring in forest and rangeland ecosystems. The crews will use a number of soil monitoring techniques, such as bulk density sampling, soil infiltration testing, recording soil disturbance levels, etc. Field monitoring will be designed to assess soil effects from management practices such as timber harvest, prescribed burning, livestock grazing or road construction on National Forest lands, and to determine if soil management guidelines are effective in conserving soil resources. Fieldwork may on occasion require staying at Forest Service rustic cabins or camping at primitive campgrounds while working in remote field locations.

**Pay:** Target grades for the position are GS-3/4/5. Wages will range between \$11 and \$14 per hour, depending on qualifications. Crewmembers will receive a field stipend (per-diem) when work requires overnight stays in remote field locations, in addition to regular wages.

**Requirements:** Minimum background: at least one natural resource university-level course and a familiarity with soils and invasive species. Preferred background: field experience in soils, botany, range or invasive species.

## *Reforestation, Timber, Sensitive Plants, and Wildlife Crew Outreach*

Announcement #	Duty Station	Pay Grade	Job Title	# of Positions
TEMPOCR-0462-05-TSP-DT	White Sulphur Springs, MT or Helena, MT	GS-5	Forestry Technician	2
TEMPOCR-0462-04-TSP-DT	White Sulphur Springs, MT or Helena, MT	GS-4	Forestry Technician	2
TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT	White Sulphur Springs, MT or Helena, MT	GS-3	General Forestry Aid	2
TEMPOCR-0404-6-PLANTS-DT	White Sulphur Springs, MT, Belt Creek, MT, Great Falls, MT or Helena, MT	GS-6	Biological Technician Plants Lead	2
TEMPOCR-0404-5-PLANTS-DT	White Sulphur Springs, MT, Belt Creek, MT, Great Falls, MT or Helena, MT	GS-5	Biological Technician Plants/Sensitive Species	3
TEMPOCR-0404-4-PLANTS-DT	White Sulphur Springs, MT, Belt Creek, MT, Great Falls, MT or Helena, MT	GS-4	Biological Technician Plants	2
TEMPOCR-0404-5-WILDLF-DT	Helena, MT	GS-5	Biological Technician Wildlife	3
TEMPOCR-0404-4-WILDLF-DT	Helena, MT	GS-4	Biological Technician Wildlife	2
TEMPOCR-0404-03-GEN-DT	Helena, MT	GS-3	General Wildlife Aid	3

**Contact Information:** Matthew McGiffin, 406-495-3937, email [mmcgiffin@fs.fed.us](mailto:mmcgiffin@fs.fed.us) for more information regarding sale-prep forester positions. Riley Dopler, 406-495-3920, email [rdopler@fs.fed.us](mailto:rdopler@fs.fed.us) for more information regarding vegetation/silviculture positions. Amanda Hendrix, 406-495-3761, email [ahendrix@fs.fed.us](mailto:ahendrix@fs.fed.us) for more information regarding wildlife technician positions.

**Applications Due by:** February 15, 2013

**Housing Availability:** No housing available

**Duties: Sale-Prep Forester/Forestry Aid** – Selects and marks individual trees for harvest using well defined marking guidelines, silviculture prescriptions, and specific instruction. Traverses harvest units, processes information and produces maps. Designates sale area and cutting unit boundaries on the ground. Interprets Aerial Photos and locates ground features. For timber cruising, serves as tally person and may operate electronic field data recorders. Assists in the measure of limiting distances, tree diameter, tree height, estimation of defect and quality, and related fundamental timber cruising procedures. Timber cruising is done under the direct supervision of a qualified timber cruiser. Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species.

**Plants Technician** - Performs complex tasks in support of the plant project plans and programs for the unit. Operates and maintains a variety of complex instruments. Organizes collections and maintains detailed records of plant experiments, observations, measurements and/or results. Calculates and tabulates vegetation types of data to determine significant trends and correlations. Prepares biological and vegetation data in acceptable form for computer processing. Assists in planning work schedules, and may write reports. Prepares graphs, maps and tables. Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as stand exam and reforestation surveys, sensitive plant surveys, contract administration, recreation, maintenance, silviculture, and tree planting.

**Wildlife Technician/Aid** - Independently, or as part of a team, participate in procedural wildlife-related assignments where methods and techniques are well established. Identify and measure species and habitat conditions. The supervisor or team leader makes sure assigned are completed; and information is developed; that the methods used in securing and verifying data are acceptable; and that use of guidelines are technically-accurate and in accordance with agency guidelines. Summarizes data obtained from field collections. Formulates and orders data as directed and prepares data for computer use. Assists in the collection, handling and preservation of specimens.

**Work Schedule:** Employment is expected to last from mid-April through Mid-September (as available or needed, dates are negotiable). Work Schedule is mxi-flex: generally consists of 4, 10-hour days (Monday-Thursday).

**Salary/Benefits:** Earn \$11.98-16.78 per hour. Employees will earn 4 hours of sick leave and 4 hours of annual leave every two weeks (per pay period). He/she will be compensated for Federal holidays that fall during regularly scheduled work days.

## *Recreation/Trails:* 0-4 Positions

Location	Position	Pay Grade	Announcement #
Helena/Townsend	Forestry Aid (General)	GS-03	TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT
Helena/Townsend	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-04	TEMPOCR-0462-4-TRAILS-DT

**Duty Station:** Helena/Townsend

**Contact Information:** Roy Barkley, 406-495-3914, email [rbarkley@fs.fed.us](mailto:rbarkley@fs.fed.us) (email preferred)

**Applications Due by:** March 15, 2013

**Housing Availability:** No housing available

**Duties:** Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forestlands. Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed. Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed. Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May perform trails log, condition, and prescription surveys. Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications. Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing.

**Qualifications:** See qualifications required on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov) by announcement number.

**Work Schedule:** Employment is expected to last from first of June through end of August. Work Schedule is mxi-flex: generally consists of 4, 10-hour days (Monday-Thursday). Occasional camping (2-3 weeks) will be required

**Salary/Benefits:** Earn \$11.95 – 13.41 per hour. Employees will earn 4 hours of sick leave and 4 hours of annual leave every two weeks (per pay period). He/she will be compensated for Federal holidays that fall during regularly scheduled work days.

## *Office:* 1 Position

Location	Position	Pay Grade	Announcement #
Townsend RD	Information Receptionist	GS-4	TEMPOCR-0303-04-INFO-DT

**Duty Station:** Townsend Ranger District

**Contact Information:** Emma Clark, 406-495-3865

**Applications Due by:** February 25, 2013

**Housing Availability:** No housing available

**Brief description of the type of work:** primary duties, in descending order of importance

- Answer telephones
- Greets visitors and answers area related inquiries
- Sells forest maps and permits
- Assists office with copying, collating, letter composition and mailings

### **Skills required:**

- Good customer service skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Programs
- Good organization skills

### **Additional Information:**

- This position is part-time and only guaranteed 7 hours per week.